operation of the judgement passed by the Hon'ble Single Bench on 12th April, 2001 for sale of 10000 M.Ts. of sugar in open market. In another case filed in the Patna High Court by Majaulia sugar factory, the Division Bench has stayed the operation of the Order passed by the Single Judge Bench, for sale of 7500 M.Ts of sugar in open market.

(e) In order to curb the tendency of sugar mills to obtain orders from different Courts for sale of additional sugar in open market, the Government of India has requested the Ministry of Law to take up the matter with the Hon'ble Supreme Court to club all the cases filed by different sugar mills and get appropriate direction from the Hon'ble Supreme Court so that the sanctity of the release mechanism is upheld.

Allotment of food items to Kerala for PDS

2602. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Rice, Wheat, Sugar and Kerosene allotted to Kerala for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and upto 30th June, 2001 for distribution through Public Distribution System; and

(b) the price of these items prevailing during the period from 1998 to 30th June, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The allocation of foodgrains, sugar and kerosene made to Kerala during the period 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 upto 30 June 2001 under TPDS is as under:

Foodgrains (in 000' tonnes)

Year	Rice	Wheat	Total
1998-1999	1788.840	452.640	2241.480
1999-2000	1743.840	452.640	2196.480
2000-2001	1746.539	452.640	2199.179
April, 2001 to June, 2001	440.664	113.160	553.824

Sugar	(In tonnes)
Year (Oct.—Sept.)	
1998-1999	152016
1999-2000	158382
2000-2001	88072
Kerosene	**(In tonnes)**
Year	
1998-1999	300006
1999-2000	302078
2000-2001	309149
2001-2002 (April-June, 2001)	67374

(b) The prices of rice and wheat, sugar and kerosene prevailing during the period from 1998 to 30 June, 2001 are given in Statement I and II.

Statement-I

Central Issue Price of Foodgrains

(Rs. per quintal)

	Effective from	Common	Grade A
Rice	1.12.1997	550 ($) for APL families	700 for APL families
		350 for BPL families	350 for BPL families
	29.1.1999	700 ($) for APL families	905 for APL families
	1.4.2000	590 for BPL families	590 for BPL families
	1.4.2000	1135($) for APL families	1180 for APL families
	25.7.2000	565 for APL families	1130 for APL families
	25.7.2000	1087($) for APL families	
	12.7.2001	830 for APL Families	
Wheat	1.6.1997	450 for APL families	
		250 for BPL families	
	29.1.1999	650 for APL families	
	1.4.1999	682 for APL families	
	1.4.2000	900 for APL families	
		450 for BPL families	
	27.7.2000	830 for APL families	
		415 for BPL families	
	12.7.2001	610 for APL families	

$ Applicable only to J&K, HP, NE States, Sikkim and hilly areas of UP.

Statement-II

The Prices of Sugar and Kerosene Prevailing During the period from 1998 to 30 June, 2001:

From	To	Price/Rs. per kg.
01.10.1998	14.02.1999	11.40
15.02.1999	30.9.1999	12.00
01.10.1999	29.02.2000	12.00
01.03.2000	28.02.2001	13.00
01.03.2001and onwards		13.25

The basic ex-storage price of kerosene for PDS, exclusive of duties and taxes, during the period 1998 to 30.6.2001 is as under:

As on	Rs./KL.
01.04.1998	2001.40
01.04.1999	2001.40
23.03.2000	4501.40
01.04.2000	4501.40
30.09.2000	7001.40
22.11.2000	6110.00
01.04.2001	6110.00
30.06.2001	6110.00

Grant of benefit as regular workers to contract workers of FCI

2603. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that several courts have decreed that the workers working on contract basis in FCI godowns shall be treated as regular workers and all the benefits enjoyed by the regular workers should be given to them; and

(b) the reasons for non-implementation of court's decisions by Government?